DRINKING WATER QUALITY

Policy 3.3

WATER SUPPLY

Version 1

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OBJECTIVE:

Lithgow City Council is committed to managing its water supply effectively to provide a safe, quality product that consistently meets appropriate drinking water standards developed in accordance with the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines* and other regulatory requirements. This policy identifies the measures that council will undertake to maintain drinking water quality.

POLICY:

1. Lithgow City Council will:

    1.1   manage water quality at all points, from the catchment or source through to treatment, storage and distribution;

    1.2   use a risk-based approach in which potential threats to water quality are identified and balanced;

    1.3   develop contingency and incident response processes to deal with any water quality issues identified;

    1.4   ensure that employees and any contractors involved in the supply of drinking water understand their responsibility to implement the *Drinking Water Management System*;

    1.5   routinely monitor the quality of drinking water; use effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information; and promote confidence in the water supply and its management;

    1.6   comply with the regulatory requirements of the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW) and associated Public Health Regulation 2012; and

    1.7   continually improve our practices by assessing performance against criteria stated in the *Drinking Water Management System*.

2. Lithgow City Council will implement and maintain a *Drinking Water Management System* to effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

3. All managers and employees involved in the supply of drinking water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the *Drinking Water Management System*.

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